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[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: DMK Member of Parliament Dayanidhi Maran spoke candidly about India's current political scene. He said the upcoming budget Look to Upcoming Budget for Clues on Elections

[1](#)2. (C) On February 15, Poloff met with DMK Member of Parliament Dayanidhi Maran for the first time since he was sacked in May 2007 as the Uni UPA in Tough Straits Down South

[1](#)3. (C) Speaking about the UPA's electoral prospects, Maran was very downbeat: "the UPA is in tough shape, especially after Gujarat." Surveyi

[1](#)4. (C) Maran was pessimistic about Indian National Congress's (INC) prospects in Andhra Pradesh, saying Chief Minister YSR Reddy's popularity Roll the Dice on Rahul?

[1](#)5. (C) Maran said the Congress party needs to name Rahul Gandhi as its Prime Ministerial candidate. He recognized that it would be a long-s Watch Out for Mayawati

[1](#)6. (C) Maran said UP Chief Minister Mayawati "could easily" become India's Prime Minister. With "no credible opposition" in Uttar Pradesh, M

[1](#)7. (C) COMMENT: Despite having fallen out with the DMK's supreme leader, Maran remains a DMK MP and continues to have substantial influence

[1](#)8. (U) This cable was coordinated with Embassy New Delhi.

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